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SUBJECT: NEW TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA

1. TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT NOVEMBER 24 NAMED JAAFAR MSOLOMI AS
TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA (CONAKRY), REPLACING I.A. WAKIL.

2. CHARACTER

SHORT AND STOCKY, ALMOST ROTUND, MSOLOMI IS CAUTIOUS AND
SOMETIMES APPEARS UNSURE OF HIMSELF IN DEALING WITH FOREIGNERS.
HOWEVER, AFTER SOME PERSONAL CONTACT, HE RELAXES AND CAN BE
DISCREETLY HELPFUL. HE IS A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF TANZANIAN
POLICIES, WHICH HE REFLECTS IN CONVERSATION. AT THE SAME TIME,
HE IS INTERESTED IN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, AND HAS BEEN
APPRECIATIVE OF BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL ON
AMERICAN POLICIES AND GOVERNMENT WHICH EMBASSY HAS FURNISHED
HIM. HE WILL PROBABLY BE A RATHER PASSIVE OBSERVER OF THE
GUINEAN SCENE WHILE REMAINING WILLING TO DISCUSS "AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENTS" WITH HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUE. MRS. MSOLOMI HAS
AN EVEN MORE RETIRING PERSONALITY. NEITHER ARE KNOWN TO SPEAK
FRENCH. WE HAVE NO RECORD HERE OF ANY VISITS TO US.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA

MSOLOMI WAS BORN IN 1934 IN MANDA KERENGE VILLAGE IN
SUMBAWANGA DIVISION (FORMERLY UFIPA DIVISION), RUKWA REGIONS, IN
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SOUTHWESTERN TANZANIA. HE ATTENDED PRIMARY SCHOOL AT UJIJI AND

NZEGA (1945-50), AND TABORA GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL (1951-57).
IN 1958-59, MSOLOMI WORKED IN THE TANU PARTY AND WAS ELECTED
PARTY CHAIRMAN OF HIS HOME DISTRICT. IN 1959, HE WENT TO PAKISTAN
TO ATTEND PUNJAB UNIVERSITY WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH A B.A. IN 1964.
MSOLOMI JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1964, AND SERVED IN THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIVISION (1965-71), IN LUSAKA (FIRST
SECRETARY, 1971), LONDON (FIRST SECRETARY, 1971-72; DEPUTY HIGH
COMMISSIONER, 1972-73), AND SINCE 1973 AS CHIEF OF THE INFORMATION,
RESEARCH AND POLICY PLANNING BUREAU IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE
VISITED THE USSR IN 1966, AND HAS REPRESENTED TANZANIA AT VARIOUS
PAN-AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

MSOLOMI IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.
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